

## II. REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 16, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11 and 12 are pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, and 8 are amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, the claims have been amended to correct informalities and typographical errors and to clarify the scope of the presently claimed invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the asserted indefiniteness. Applicants traverse the rejection.

In response to the Examiner's assertion that the term "NO-donor" is indefinite, Applicants have amended claim 7 to clarify that the NO-donor compound comprises a radical molecule and at least an  $-\text{ONO}_2$  group or an  $-\text{ONO}$  group. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification on page 16, lines 9-11. Claim 8 has also been amended to specify that the radical molecule is a radical of the recited drugs.

In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

## Objections

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, and 12 were objected to because of the asserted informalities. Applicants traverse the rejection.

In particular, the Examiner objected to the following informalities: (1) the term "alkyl" is missing in the definition of the variable "Y," and (2) the group "straight or branched C1-C6 alkyl" is duplicated in the definition of the variable "Q." Applicants have corrected these informalities and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, and 12.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. **026220-00066**.

Respectfully submitted,



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